

City of Kanopolis
November 8, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Kanopolis City Hall
100 S Kansas
Kanopolis, KS 67454

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on November 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Rebecca Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Tom Wilkinson, and Jim Zvolanek.
Presiding: Anthony Hopkins
Absent: Greg Tripp
Citizens: Stacie Schmidt, Colby Richard, Justin Lindsley, Sarah Freeman & Elena Gonzalez

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated October 11, 2022, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Council declined to approve the treasurer's report for October 2022 due to not being in balance.

Citizens:

- Stacie Schmidt, Colby Richard, and Justin Lindsley came to the meeting to discuss the merger between Ellsworth County Economic Development and Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce. Since Tammy McGreevey has decided to retire, they are trying to find the perfect fit which brought the opportunity to merge the two departments together. The council approved the decision to merge the two departments.

Old Business:

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco called Debbie Kralik & said that he did talk to KDHE & he should be getting the plans for the new water tower back for correction soon. Mayor Hopkins asked if it would go to the back of the line again. Debbie to email Thaniel. Tom Wilkinson reviewed the drawings for the new water tower regarding the elevations and said that there were some restrictions on connections. Discussed outcome of old water tower. Thought that since we were building a new one, the old one had to be taken down. Debbie to email Dave Barber with USDA to find out if this was correct. If kept in use, the old water tower would need to be inspected & kept up to date. Mayor Hopkins asked what the maintenance schedule was for water towers, Debbie to email Marsha Fleming with KDHE.
- Abatements

- 420 S Iowa is ready to be demolished. Mike Bunch would like exact items to be demolished. Debbie talked to Mr. Weaver & he said that he has hired 3 people to help him. Mayor Hopkins would like to have one member of the council join him & the Chief of Police to meet with Mr. Weaver before demolition begins. Mayor Hopkins will call Chief Weigel & schedule a good time to meet.

New business:

- Emergency Water Supply Plan – Debbie Kralik told the council that she had updated the plan to include well #8. She found one more item that needs to be updated & they can approve at the next meeting.
- Wilson Communications community meeting – Wilson Communications would like to use the community center for a community meeting on November 22, 2022. They will be bringing a trailer with fiber optic line for the residents to view. Debbie asked the council if she should charge Wilson Communications. Council agreed to charge rent.
- Debbie let the council know that UBMAX, the current software for utility billing was bought out by gWorks. GWorks sent an agreement for her to sign. Debbie had the attorney review the document. The attorney said that there were two items that concerned her. First, was the idea that they could change the fees from time to time & all gWorks would have to do is provide a 30-day notice. Second, was if payment is not made in a timely manner, the software has been designed to cease functioning in the event that the annual license fee is unpaid and the City waiving any claim for consequential damages if that happens. Mayor Hopkins asked about the monthly/yearly charge, training for the software, and installation. Debbie said that she had emailed the company but has not heard back from them. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to research other companies as a plan B if gWorks falls through.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Mike received one bid from Reed Environmental for the sewer pond clean out. The bid was for \$235,000. He still has one more quote that he is waiting to hear back from. Debbie Kralik said that there are grants and direct loans available for this through USDA. Mike wanted the council to know that Aaron Burwell is now water certified. Mayor Hopkins said that the council told Aaron when he became certified, he would get a \$1.00 per hour wage increase. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay raise for Aaron Burwell, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – The Eck property looks great.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Previously discussed.
- Streets & Alleys – Greg Tripp – Absent
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.

- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie said that she discussed the refund of deposits with the attorney & the attorney said that the blurb about not returning the deposit if the leaser has a past due balance.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent – Car is still at Marmie’s being worked on.

Payment of Bills: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay the bills, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins
Tom Wilkinson
Jim Zvolanek
Rebekah Tripp
Michelle Schwerdtfeger

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk